

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/512,276	NAGAO ET AL.
	Examiner Louis K. Huynh	Art Unit 3721

-- *The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--*

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1.  This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 03/15/2006.
2.  The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-10,34 and 35.
3.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a)  All    b)  Some\*    c)  None    of the:
    1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

4.  A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5.  CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a)  including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1)  hereto or 2)  to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b)  including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6.  DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

#### Attachment(s)

1.  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2.  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3.  Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4.  Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5.  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6.  Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
7.  Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8.  Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9.  Other \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Glenn Perry (Reg. No. 28,458) on 03/24/2006.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

***In Claim 9:***

“claim 3” (line 1) has been changed to: --claim 35--;  
“said glass base material” (line 3-4) has been changed to: --said bagged and wrapped  
glass base material--.

***In Claim 10:***

“claim 3” (line 1) has been changed to: --claim 35--;  
“said glass base material” (line 3-4) has been changed to: --said bagged and wrapped  
glass base material--.

***Claims 11-16 have been cancelled.***

***In Claim 35:***

The phrase --having a cylindrical shape over its whole length-- has been inserted between  
“material” and “into” on line 4;  
“, plastic bag and” has been changed to: --in said plastic bag and wrapped in said--.

***Reasons for the Examiner's Amendment***

4. Claim 35 has been amended to recite the shape of the glass base material in order to distinguish the claimed glass base material from other glass objects that are not base material for optical fiber.
5. Claims 7, 9 and 10, which were restricted as being non-elected species, have now been considered, rejoined and allowed with the generic claim 35; claims 9 and 10 have been amended to depend on the new generic claim 35.
6. Claims 11-16, which were restricted as being non-elected species, have been cancelled because they would raise new matter if rejoined; for example, claim 11 would render the cylindrical container having at least one glass base material in plastic bag and at least one glass base material in plastic bag and wrapped in air packing material, such combination is not disclosed in the present application.

***Reasons for Allowance***

7. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fails to disclose and/or teach a method of packing a glass base material, which is a base material of an optical fiber, that comprises the steps of: putting the glass base material having a cylindrical shape over its whole length into a plastic bag, then wrapping the plastic bag containing the glass base material with air packing material, and then packing the glass base material in the plastic bag and wrapped in the air packing material into a cylindrical container; thus the claimed method is defined over the prior art of record.

8. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Louis K. Huynh whose telephone number is 571-272-4462. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30AM to 5:00PM.

10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi I. Rada can be reached on 571-272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Louis K. Huynh  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 3721

March 24, 2006